

## REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**Regarding Claims 1-4:** Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-4 without prejudice.

**Regarding Claims 5-21:** The Examiner has stated that Claims 5-21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended Claims 5-21 to put them in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

**Regarding Claims 22-29:** Applicant notes that the Examiner has allowed Claims 22-29.

In view of the above comments, all of the presently (amended and/or) pending Claims in this application are believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw any outstanding rejections of the Claims and to allow this application.

A petition and fee for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) have been submitted under separate cover. If there are any fees incurred by this Amendment Letter, please deduct them from our Deposit Account NO. 50-1887. **Please** check whether extension fees have already been received (under separate cover) before charging our deposit account. Thank you.

If the Examiner is inclined for any reason not to issue a notice of allowability after entering this amendment, Applicant respectfully requests (not as a matter of form but as a special request in this case) that the Examiner grant a telephonic interview to Applicant's undersigned agent in order to discuss Applicant's amendment (before the Examiner prepares a second office action), to attempt to reach mutual understanding and clarify any outstanding issues. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call Applicant's undersigned agent at 602-263-9200 to schedule a telephonic interview at least two business days in advance to allow the Applicant's undersigned agent time to prepare and schedule the interview. For telephonic scheduling purposes, Applicant's agent is located in Arizona, in the Mountain Standard Time zone.

Respectfully submitted,

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